

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 56

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A RESOLUTION to congratulate Joe B. Jackson on being recognized as the American Heart Association's Murfreesboro 2001 Heart Ball Honoree.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pay tribute to those exemplary public servants who have dedicated themselves to improving the quality of life for their fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, one such exemplary person is Joe B. Jackson, who recently has been recognized as the American Heart Association's Murfreesboro 2001 Heart Ball Honoree; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jackson is a highly respected Tennessean, having been born on a farm in Dekalb County, raised in Chattanooga, and attended Chattanooga Central High School; and

WHEREAS, he showed remarkable courage during World War II serving throughout the Pacific Theater in the Third Marine Division; and

WHEREAS, following his honorable service in the Marines, Joe attended MTSU on an athletic scholarship, where he played three sports; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jackson distinguished himself as an outstanding scholar and athlete, being duly listed in Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities, and graduating with a degree in Business Administration; and

WHEREAS, he diligently attended night classes and graduated from law school in 1953, and passed the state bar examination; and

WHEREAS, Joe subsequently entered the construction field and was the owner of the Home Roofing and Building Company; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jackson lent his time and talents to many notable organizations serving his community as President of the Rutherford Hospital Board and the Exchange Club of Murfreesboro; and

WHEREAS, he was a conscientious member of the City School Board, Water and Sewer Board, Recreation Commission and numerous other City Boards and Commissions; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jackson was elected to the City Council in 1968, chosen to serve as Vice Mayor in 1978, and elected to the office of Mayor in 1982; and

WHEREAS, throughout his exemplary tenure as Mayor of Murfreesboro, Joe B. Jackson distinguished himself as a public-spirited citizen of the highest order and as an exceptional asset to his community; and

WHEREAS, Joe Jackson was justly honored by his selections as "Mayor of the Year" in Tennessee in 1988; and

WHEREAS, he retired from the Office of Mayor in 1998 after sixteen years of distinguished public service for the citizens of Murfreesboro; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jackson's thirty years of successful service in city government is directly attributed to his reliance on the time-honored values of hard work and common sense and his uncommon ability to work well with people from all walks of life; and

WHEREAS, he has industriously served as president of the Tennessee Municipal League, as a member of the Board of Directors for the National League of Cities in 1988, and as a member of the Advisory Board of the National League of Cities and the Tennessee Municipal League Bond Board for the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Joe Jackson is a an extremely giving person who often reaches out with compassion to people who life has treated unkindly, and he epitomizes the ideal of the consummate professional, dedicated public servant and reliable friend and neighbor; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jackson has triumphed over personal adversity; he recently had a pacemaker implanted to correct periodic irregularities in his heartbeat; and

WHEREAS, though he now enjoys good health, which he contributes to his surgery,

Joe devotes much of his time to the promotion of Rutherford County's American Heart Association (AHA); a noble organization that raises money for heart disease research; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jackson has committed himself to educating his fellow citizens about heart disease; and

WHEREAS, as a result of his dedicated and compassionate service, Joe B. Jackson will be honored at the American Heart Association's Murfreesboro 2001 Heart Ball, held the 17th of February 2001; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jackson appreciates the recognition of the AHA, he feels the greatest honors should be given to the individuals "who contribute time and resources to programs that are designed for sponsoring (heart) research"; and

WHEREAS, he has been working closely with the AHA since September of last year, taking part in the organization's largest fund raiser, the Heart Walk, a three mile walk around the MTSU campus; and

WHEREAS, his many accomplishments aside, Joe Jackson remains most appreciative of the love and companionship he shares with his wife, Frances Hickerson Jackson; their three daughters, two granddaughters, and one grandson; and

WHEREAS, Joe Jackson is wholly committed to the noble precepts of public service that have earned Tennessee recognition as the "Volunteer State," and he should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SECOND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby commend Mr. Joe B. Jackson for his honorable and astute service to the good people of Tennessee and congratulate him on being named the 2001 Heart Ball honoree by the Murfreesboro American Heart Association.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

